



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEM # 9

APRIL 2003 AGENDA

**SUBJECT:**

Reading First Program--Criteria for Selection of Independent, External Evaluator

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve criteria for selection of independent, external evaluator for the Reading First Program that will serve as the basis for the Request For Proposal.

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**Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action.**

The State Board of Education approved the Reading First Plan at its May 2002 meeting. That plan, approved by the United States Department of Education on August 23, 2002, included a multi-year State-contracted evaluation of the Reading First Program to be conducted by an independent, external evaluator.

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**Summary of Key Issue(s).**

In order to award the evaluation contract prior to the close of this fiscal year, the Board must approve criteria for the selection of the evaluator. This criteria will be utilized to develop the Request for Proposal that will be disseminated to solicit proposals and award the contract.

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**Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate).**

The 2002-2003 Budget Act includes \$500,000 in federal funds for the first year of the Reading First independent, external evaluation.

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**Background Information Attached to this Agenda Item.**

Additional information will be provided in the supplemental mailing.